

AGREEMENT  
LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT  
AND  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
OF FIREMEN AND OILERS  
LOCAL 320  
(WASTE REDUCTION)

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This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, by and between LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT, KENTUCKY, and FIREMEN AND OILERS LOCAL UNION NO. 320, an Affiliate of the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF FIREMEN AND OILERS.

WHEREAS, all parties to this Agreement desire to promote and maintain an excellent employment relationship among Metro Government, the Union and the employees covered by this Agreement, and to maintain working conditions at the highest possible level, and,

WHEREAS, the rights of both Metro Government and the employees are recognized and acknowledged, and the provisions of the Agreement shall be observed and followed by Metro Government and the Union for orderly settlement of all disputes or questions arising during the term of this Agreement. The administration and management of the Waste Reduction, shall be with the Director of the Division of Solid Waste Management, who has the right to control and direct the working force. Nothing contained in this contract is intended to limit the rights of Metro Government provided by law to organize and administer its services and activities.

The operation, control and management of the Waste Reduction shall continue to be solely and exclusively the functions and prerogative of the management.

All of the rights, functions and prerogatives of management which are not expressly and specifically restricted or modified by one or more explicit provisions of the Agreement are reserved and retained exclusively to Metro Government.

Any complaint or dispute concerning wages, hours or any other conditions of employment shall constitute a grievance within the meaning of this Agreement.

It is specifically understood that a grievance hereunder may be filed by Metro Government as well as the employees and the Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promise on the part of Metro Government to pay the agreed scale of wages incorporated in this Agreement, and the promise of the employees covered by this Agreement to do the work required by Metro Government in a workmanlike way, together with other valuable considerations, as set out in this Agreement, the parties hereto mutually agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

**ARTICLE 1 -- EXTENT OF THE BARGAINING UNIT**

The term "Employees" as used in this Agreement shall include all employees for whom the Union was recognized as exclusive collective bargaining representative in Ordinance, No. 220, Series 1968 and Ordinance No. 36, Series 1973, but excluding therefrom professional, office, and clerical employees, and all positions supervisory in nature or above.

Metro Government may in the case of an emergency use non-bargaining unit personnel to perform normal bargaining unit duties until the emergency has been secured.

**ARTICLE 2 -- SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Section 1. If any article or section of this Agreement or any amendment thereto should become invalid by operation of law or be declared invalid by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or section should be restrained or enjoined by such tribunal pending a final determination as to its validity, the remainder of this Agreement and any amendment thereto, and the application of such article or section to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it has been held invalid or as to which compliance with or enforcement of has been restrained or enjoined, shall not be affected thereby.

Section 2. In the event that any article or section becomes or is declared invalid, or enforcement of or compliance therewith has been restrained or enjoined as above set forth, the parties affected thereby shall enter promptly into collective bargaining negotiations upon the

request of either party, for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article or section during the period of invalidity or restraint. If the parties do not agree on a mutually satisfactory replacement, either party hereto shall be permitted all legal or economic recourse in support of its demands notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary.

### **ARTICLE 3 -- INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS**

The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with the employees, individually or collectively, which in any manner conflicts with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 4 -- UNION SECURITY**

Membership in Union is not compulsory. Employees have the right to join or not join and neither the Union nor Metro Government shall exert pressure or discriminate against a employee regarding such matters. All employees in the bargaining unit, however, shall be required to pay their fair share of the cost of representation by the Union, the amount of which shall be determined as set forth in Metro Louisville Code of Ordinance Section 35.056.

### **ARTICLE 5 -- CHECK-OFF**

Section 1. The check-off of regular Union membership dues and any initiation fees for new members shall be made only on the basis of written authorization signed by the employee from whose pay the membership dues and initiation fees will be deducted. Employees wishing to revoke their union membership must notify the Metro Government and Union expressly and individually, in writing by certified mail. The fair share fee shall be deducted from employees' wages and remitted to the Union, with or without written authorization by the employee. The

date for the commencement of the fair share deduction shall be determined by the Union with appropriate advance notice given to the Metro Government and affected employees.

Section 2. Union dues and fair share fees shall be deducted each payroll in an amount certified by Union. All Union dues and fees, including fair share fees, deducted shall be shown on the employees' paycheck stubs.

The amount so deducted shall be paid over to the Business Manager of LOCAL UNION NO. 320 of the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF FIREMEN AND OILERS by Metro Government within ten (10) working days after the deduction is made.

Section 4. The Union shall annually certify, in writing, the current and proper amount of its membership dues or fair share fees at least thirty (30) days prior to the initial deduction. The Union shall notify the Metro Government of the cost of representation by the Union and the date for the commencement of the fair share deduction at least thirty (30) days prior to the initial deduction.

Section 5. Union shall hold the Metro Government harmless against any claims, legal or otherwise, which may arise from these dues or fair share deduction provisions.

## **ARTICLE 6 -- NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS**

Metro Government and the Union mutually agree that, in consideration of the Grievance and Arbitration provision contained herein, there shall be no strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, slowdowns or disturbances, even of a momentary nature for the term of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 7 -- UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES**

It is agreed that in all cases of an unauthorized strike, slowdown, walkout, or any other unauthorized cessation of work in violation of this Agreement, the Union shall not be liable for damages resulting from such unauthorized acts of its members. While the Union shall undertake every reasonable means to induce such employees to return to their jobs during any such period of unauthorized work stoppage mentioned above, it is specifically understood and agreed that Metro Government during the first twenty-four (24) hour period of such unauthorized work stoppage shall have sole and complete right of reasonable discipline short of discharge, and such employees shall not be entitled to or have any recourse to any other provision of this Agreement. After the first twenty-four (24) hour period of such stoppage and if such stoppage continues, however, the Employer shall have the sole and complete right to immediately discharge any employee participating in any unauthorized strike, slowdown, walkout, or any other cessation of work, and such employees shall not be entitled to or have any recourse to any other provision of this Agreement. It is further mutually agreed that the Business Manager of FIREMEN AND OILERS LOCAL UNION NO. 320 will within two (2) weeks of the date of the signing of this Agreement, serve upon Metro Government a written notice, which notice will list the Union's authorized representatives (and any successors thereafter) during the term of this Agreement who will deal with Metro Government, make commitments for the Union generally, and have sole authority to act for the Union. The FIREMEN AND OILERS LOCAL UNION NO. 320 shall make immediate effort to terminate any strike or stoppage of work which is not authorized by it without assuming liability therefore.

## **ARTICLE 8 -- STEWARDS**

Section 1. Metro Government recognizes the right of the Union to designate Stewards to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to them by the Union.

Section 2. The Authority of Stewards so designated by the Union shall be limited to and shall not exceed, the following duties and activities.

(a) The investigation and presentation of grievances with the designated Metro Government representative in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(b) The transmission of such messages and information, which shall originate with, and are authorized by the local union or its officers, provided such messages and information:

- (i) Have been reduced to writing, or;
- (ii) If not reduced to writing, are of a routine nature and do not involve work stoppages, slowdowns, refusal to handle goods, or any other interference with Metro Government's business.

Section 3. Should it become necessary for a steward to leave his work station during his scheduled working hours for any purpose set forth herein, such steward shall so notify his or her supervisor and shall receive permission for such leave unless, in the opinion of the supervisor, a bona fide emergency exists or hazardous conditions would exist if the Steward's work station was unattended. The supervisor shall exert every reasonable effort to make it possible for the Steward to leave his work station for any of the aforesaid purposes.

Section 4. There shall be no discrimination or coercion against any employee because of duties as a Steward.



Section 5. The union shall have the duty to inform the employer in the event a steward is replaced, of the new steward's name and position.

## **ARTICLE 9 -- RECORD OF NEW AND REHIRED EMPLOYEES**

A copy of the appropriate Personnel Action Form (PAF) applicable to each new or rehired employee shall be furnished by Metro Government to the Union within a reasonable period following his employment or reemployment.

## **ARTICLE 10 -- PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES**

Section 1. All newly hired employees (and former employees rehired) covered by this Agreement shall be considered as probationary employees in the work classification for which they are hired and to which they are assigned.

Section 2. The probationary period shall extend for ninety (90) days except that if an individual employee waives the expiration of his or her probationary period, that employee's probationary period may be extended for an additional ninety (90) days. During the probationary period, employment shall be on a trial basis. During this period of time, Metro Government may transfer, layoff or discharge said employee as it deems necessary. Such transfer, layoff or discharge shall not be subject to the grievance procedures as set forth in this contract, provided, however, that Metro Government may not discharge or discipline for the purpose of evading this Agreement or of interfering, restraining, coercing or discriminating against employees.

Section 3. At the termination of such probationary period as herein provided, such probationary employee if retained by Metro Government shall be placed on the regular seniority roster, and his or her seniority shall date from his or her most recent date of employment.

Section 4. The most recent date of employment shall mean the first (1st) day actually worked during the Probationary Period of the employee's most recent employment.

## **ARTICLE 11 -- JOB ASSIGNMENTS**

The Director of the Division of Solid Waste Management shall have the sole and exclusive right to select the most qualified employee to fill any vacant position.

## **ARTICLE 12 -- DISCHARGE AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

Section 1. Metro Government shall not discharge any employee without just cause except as herein provided for probationary employees. Written notice of discharge setting forth cause shall be given the employee with a copy to the Steward and the Union Office.

Section 2. No employee shall be disciplined, suspended, or discharged because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age (between the ages of 40 and 65), political or religious affiliation or membership in any labor or lawful affiliated organization, or because of discriminatory, personal dislikes.

Section 3. A copy of the appropriate Personnel Action Form (PAF) applicable to each employee whose employment is terminated for any reason shall be furnished by Metro Government to the Union within a reasonable period following such termination.

## **ARTICLE 13 -- GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 1. Each employee or recognized bargaining representative of the employees shall have the right to present for consideration any grievance which he or she may have as to any matter affecting his relationship with Metro Government. Any employee may designate one or more persons to represent him or her in the presentation of any such grievance. The designation

of a representative, however, shall not preclude an employee from presenting and processing his own grievance, except that where there is a designated representative, an observer designated by the recognized bargaining representative shall be notified in advance of the time and place of all discussions relative to the grievance and shall be privileged to attend such sessions. The following rules for the presentation of solution of grievances are prescribed:

Section 2. The grievance in the first instance shall be presented to the immediate superior to the employee within five (5) working days from the time the grievance or controversy occurs. If not satisfactorily adjusted at this level within two (2) working days, the employee or Union may reduce the matter to writing and refer same to the next level of authority. If the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at this level within five (5) days, said grievance may be referred successively by the employee to higher levels until the grievance reaches the department head. Each level shall act within five (5) working days. In the event that the decision of the department head is adverse to the grievance of the employee or Union, the employee or Union may request mediation by the Louisville Labor Management Committee. The Committee shall make an advisory report to the employee and his or her representative and to the Mayor within seven (7) working days. The Mayor may accept or reject the recommendation of the Louisville Labor Management Committee, within seven (7) working days. The employee of the Union may elect not to request the assistance of the Louisville Labor Management Committee, in which case they may appeal directly to the Mayor within five (5) working days, and receive a decision from the Mayor within ten (10) working days, provided, however, the Mayor may select a designee or the Louisville Labor Management Committee to hear the matter before rendering his decision.

Section 3. A Steward of the Union designated to represent an employee shall be paid for time lost from work during meetings and talks with representatives of Metro Government scheduled in the processing of the grievance, or during arbitration proceedings.

## **ARTICLE 14 -- COMPENSATION**

### **Section 1. Wage Schedules as of June 30, 2007:**

#### Hourly Pay Rate Schedule

#### Waste Reduction Operator

##### (1) Day Shift Rate

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|-----|---|---------|
| (A) | Starting the 181st day as a<br>Waste Reduction Operator                   | \$19.62 |
| (B) | After the 91st day through the 180th<br>day as a Waste Reduction Operator | \$17.84 |
| (C) | From the first day through the 90th<br>day as a Waste Reduction Operator  | \$16.23 |

Section 2. Beginning on the effective day of this Agreement and for each subsequent fiscal year under this Agreement, the Hourly Pay Rate Schedule as contained in Section 1 above shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage increase in the occupational license fee revenue received by Metro Government from the Revenue Commission for the then most recently concluding fiscal year as indicated in Metro Government's Annual Budget Document and as confirmed within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year and retroactively added to the hourly rate so to be effective on July 1 of the respective fiscal year or two (2%) percent whichever is greater. \_Provided however, the occupational license fee revenue used -to determine the percentage increase in occupational license fee revenue from the previous

fiscal year shall not include new revenue collected from and dedicated to the support of a Metro Government -recognized tax increment financing (TIF) district.

Section 3. Each employee of Waste Reduction covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall receive CDL pay in the amount of \$1.00 per hour effective July 1, 2007. .

Section 4. WORK DAY, WORK WEEK, AND OVERTIME PAY.

(a) WORK DAY AND WORK WEEK. The work day shall consist of a guarantee of eight (8) consecutive hours, if ready, willing and able to work. Employees shall have a regular starting time. The regular work week shall be five (5) days. All employees shall be guaranteed forty (40) hours per week if ready, willing and able to work. The employees recognize their obligation, unless excused by supervisory authority or by other provisions of this Ordinance, to work the eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours per week guaranteed by Metro Government.

(b) OVERTIME PAY. One and one half (1 1/2) times the regular hourly rate shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) in a week. Two (2) times the regular hourly rate shall be paid for all hours worked on a Sunday or a Holiday as defined by this Contract, if not a part of the regularly scheduled work week.

Section 5. Each employee of Waste Reduction covered by this Collective Bargaining Agreement certified to remove Freon shall receive pay in the amount of \$1.00 per hour effective July 1, 2007.

**ARTICLE 15 -- VACATIONS**

Section 1. Annual vacation leave with pay shall be granted according to seniority whenever possible to all employees covered by this Ordinance in the manner outlined below:

(a) After completing the first six (6) consecutive months of employment, an employee shall have earned a vacation of one (1) calendar week.

(b) Upon completion of the second six (6) consecutive months of employment, an employee shall have earned an additional vacation of one (1) calendar week.

(c) Employees who have completed one (1) year of service shall be granted regular annual vacation of two calendar weeks plus one extra work day per year for each year of service thereafter to a maximum of three (3) additional calendar weeks. As used herein, a calendar week consists of five work days for employees whose regular guaranteed work week is five days. For purpose of this section, all of an employee's service with Metro Government, whether continuous or not, shall be given recognition. Vacation credit shall, however, accrue only as to current continuous service.

(d) Except as otherwise provided herein, each employee shall take his annual vacation in the year that in which it is earned. Any accumulation of annual vacation leave beyond the year after that in which is earned must be approved by the director of the department or agency, who shall advise the Director of Finance in writing of said accrual. Under no circumstances shall vacation accumulate to exceed twelve (12) calendar weeks.

(e) Upon separation from employment, an employee shall be paid for all accrued, unused vacation leave, not to exceed 40 days. Such payment will be made in one (1) payment in the final paycheck of the employee. Any former employee compensated upon separation for accrued vacation may not be re-employed by the Department in the same or another position until there has been a break in service at least equal to the number of days for which unused vacation leave was paid.

Section 2. If a holiday recognized by this Agreement should fall during an employee's vacation leave, such employee shall be granted an additional day of vacation leave.

Section 3. All vacation leave shall be computed as time worked.

Section 4. The designation of the period or periods of time at which vacation leave may be taken shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority.

## **ARTICLE 16 -- SICK LEAVE**

Section 1. Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all regular employees at the rate of one (1) day for each full month of service. Seasonal or temporary employees shall not be entitled to sick leave benefits. Regular part-time employees shall be granted sick leave on a pro-rated basis. No employees shall receipt credit toward sick leave accrual for time not expended in Metro Government employment, except for designated holidays, vacation, sick leave, military leave and other authorized leave, as provided and earned pursuant to Metro Government Ordinance or the provisions of this section.

Section 2. Unused sick leave shall be cumulative without any maximum.

Section 3. If and wherever sick leave provisions may appear to be abused, i.e., where an employee consistently uses his sick leave as it is earned or has a negative sick leave balance, the employee claiming such sick leave may be required to furnish competent proof of the necessity for such absence. Metro Government reserves the right in all cases of illness, or reported illness, to require examination by a reputable physician of its own employ or selection. Abuse of sick leave privileges shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action included dismissal. When an employee takes two (2) days of sick leave in a ninety (90) day period, for which no doctor's certification is submitted, the employee will be placed upon the sick leave abuse list for

the next ninety (90) day period. While on the sick abuse list no pay will be received for the first two (2) sick days taken unless hospitalized. Failure of the employee to provide a meaningful medical statement upon returning to work will result in unexcused absence. Employees placed on the sick abuse list twice within a calendar year shall be disciplined, up to and including termination of employment.

Section 4. No employees shall be entitled to sick leave in excess of the amount of such leave then accumulated to this credit, except as provided in Section (6) of this Article.

Section 5. To receive paid sick leave, an employee shall communicate with his immediate supervisor or department head prior to the beginning of the employees scheduled work start time.

Section 6. In case of hardship or unusual need, an employee may be advanced up to ten (10) days of sick leave beyond the amount then accumulated to his credit, upon the recommendation of his department head and with the approval of the Mayor. Any such advance shall be chargeable against such employee's subsequent accrual of sick leave.

Section 7. Time off for sick leave shall be computed as time worked for purpose of overtime.

Section 8. ***Sick Leave Incentive Plan.*** Employees are eligible to participate in a sick leave incentive plan. Employees will accrue one half (1/2) of a personal day for each three (3) months without the use of any sick leave. An additional personal day will accrue for each 12 consecutive month period without the use of sick leave. Employees are eligible to earn three (3) personal days per twelve (12) month period. Employees may not accrue more than ten (10) personal days, nor will employees be paid for personal days upon termination of employment. An employee who in December has a sick leave balance greater than 80 days will be eligible to



sell each day in excess of 80 days up to a maximum of 10 days a year. For each two sick leave days sold, the employee will receive one day of pay. Each employee will be allowed to designate the number of days that the employee wishes to sell.

***CERS Unused Sick Leave Credit.*** Metro Government participates under the Kentucky Retirement Systems in a program that allows the purchase of service credit with the Retirement System of unused sick leave. Employees may participate in this program in the same manner as other Metro Government employees.

## **ARTICLE 17 -- PAID HOLIDAYS**

Section 1. The following paid holidays are recognized by Metro Government for all permanent full-time employees:

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Friday After Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

In addition, Members shall be granted two additional Floating Holidays off with appropriate pay during each calendar year. The Floating Holidays must be used in full day increments and in the calendar year in which they are accrued. An employee is not paid for floating holidays upon termination of employment. Employees hired between January 1 and June 30 will receive both floating holidays their first calendar year of employment. Employees hired between July 1 and October 31 will receive one floating holiday their first calendar year of employment. Employees hired after October 31 will not receive a floating holiday their first calendar year of employment.

Section 2. Should any of the above holidays fall on Saturday, the preceding Friday will be recognized as the official celebration day. Should any of the above holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday will be recognized as the official celebration day. To be entitled to holiday pay, an employee, (permanent) must report for work on the last day requested before the holiday and the first day requested after the holiday. Holidays shall be computed as time worked. Any such employee who actually works on a holiday shall be paid the rate established in the applicable preceding work and, in addition shall receive any pay to which he is entitled under this section.

#### **ARTICLE 18 -- FUNERAL LEAVE**

An employee covered by this Agreement shall be given three (3) days off with full pay in case of death in the employee's immediate family. The immediate family shall include:

- (a) The employee's wife, husband, children, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts and uncles;
- (b) The parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters of the employee's spouse, and;
- (c) Any other relative of the employee residing in the employee's household.

To receive paid funeral leave, an employee shall communicate with his immediate supervisor or department head, or their authorized representative before, if possible, or within one hour after the time set for beginning work. Time off authorized for funeral leave shall be computed as time worked.

#### **ARTICLE 19 -- MILITARY LEAVE**

Pursuant to KRS 61.396 and KRS 61.394, employees who are also members of the National Guard or of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be

entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties, without loss of time, pay, regular leave, or of any other rights or benefits to which they are entitled, while in the performance of duty or training in the service of this state or of the United States under competent orders as specified in this section. In any one (1) federal fiscal year, employees, while on military leave, shall be paid their compensations for a period or periods not exceeding twenty-one (21) calendar days. Any unused military leave in a federal fiscal year shall be carried over to the next year. Any unused military leave shall expire two (2) years after it has accrued.

## **ARTICLE 20 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Metro Government shall provide Workers' Compensation coverage for all employees covered by this agreement.

Metro Government shall permit an injured employee, who is covered by Workers' Compensation and who also has sick leave accumulated to his credit, to elect (in case of injury on the job) to draw from accumulated sick leave (if any) an amount when added to his Workers' Compensation pay (if any) would equal his normal weekly earnings; provided, however, that in order to draw from accumulated sick leave pursuant to this section, an employee must first execute an agreement with Metro Government under which Metro Government is subrogated to any claim for damages such employee may have against any third party or parties causing such injury, and provided further that any such subrogation shall only extend to and not exceed the amount paid the employee by Metro Government as sick leave pay under this section. Time off for the above shall be not be computed as time worked for purpose of overtime.

## **ARTICLE 21 -- JURY DUTY AND WITNESS LEAVE**

Any employee covered by this Agreement who is required to report for jury duty or who is subpoenaed as a witness in any legal proceeding shall be compensated at his regular rate of pay for all time lost as a result thereof. In both instances, however, the employees recognize their obligation to return to work immediately upon their release by the Court. It being the intention of the parties that no Metro Government employee should request or receive leave with pay for either purpose for a period longer than that actually required. Time served on jury duty or as a witness shall be computed as time worked.

## **ARTICLE 22 -- HEALTH INSURANCE**

Metro Government shall contribute 100% of the premium cost for the designated plan offered by Metro Government toward the plan selected by the Member for employee-only coverage. Metro Government shall contribute no less than 90% of the premium cost for the designated plan offered by Metro Government toward the premium for the plan selected by the Member to cover a spouse or eligible dependent children. Metro Government shall contribute no less than 75% of the premium cost for the designated plan offered by Metro Government toward the plan selected by the Member for full family coverage. Provided, however, if the percentage contributions by Metro Government toward the cost of health insurance shall decrease for a majority of Metro Government employees, the percentage contributions for Members shall decrease to the same level.

## **ARTICLE 23 -- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Metro Government agrees to extend participation in Metro Government's Tuition Reimbursement Plan to all Bargaining Unit members.

## **ARTICLE 24 -- PERSONAL DAY**

All permanent full-time employees covered by this agreement shall be eligible to receive their Birthday off with pay if the birthday falls on a work day. If an employee's birthday falls on a non-work day, the employee will be eligible to take a work day off with pay in lieu of his birthday. Time off with pay under this Article shall be computed as time worked.

## **ARTICLE 25 -- LONGEVITY PAY**

Each employee covered by this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall receive longevity pay in the following amounts based on years of continuous service. Longevity pay shall be calculated as of December 1 of each year and paid on December 1 or within seven (7) days of December 1 of each year.

FY 2007-2008

<u>YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE</u>	<u>LONGEVITY PAY</u>
Less than five (5)	-0-
After five (5), but less than ten (10)	\$50.00
After ten (10), but less than fifteen (15)	\$100.00
After fifteen (15)	\$150.00

FY 2008-2009

<u>YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE</u>	<u>LONGEVITY PAY</u>
Less than three (3)	-0-
After three (3), but less than five (5)	\$147.10
After five (5), but less than ten (10)	\$172.10

After ten (10), but less than fifteen (15)	\$188.80
After fifteen (15)	\$205.40

FY 2009-2010

<u>YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE</u>	<u>LONGEVITY PAY</u>
Less than three (3)	-0-
After three (3), but less than five (5)	\$294.20
After five (5), but less than ten (10)	\$344.20
After ten (10), but less than fifteen (15)	\$377.60
After fifteen (15)	\$410.80

FY 2010-2011

<u>YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE</u>	<u>LONGEVITY PAY</u>
Less than three (3)	-0-
After three (3), but less than five (5)	\$441.30
After five (5), but less than ten (10)	\$516.30
After ten (10), but less than fifteen (15)	\$566.30
After fifteen (15)	\$616.30

## **ARTICLE 26 -- SENIORITY AND LOSS THEREOF**

Section 1. The principle of seniority is sound and seniority rights shall prevail. Seniority of employees covered by this Agreement shall begin with the most recent date of employment with Metro Government, provided, however, all probationary period after which their seniority shall then revert back to the most recent date of employment with Metro

Government. An employee's seniority shall be considered as being continuous unless terminated for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Discharge for cause.
- (b) Voluntary resignation.
- (c) Layoff for lack of work and not recalled within one (1) year of such layoff.
- (d) Being on layoff and failing to return to work within five (5) days after having

been notified to do so.

When employment is terminated for any of the above reasons and the employee subsequently is re-employed, he/she shall be considered a new employee for all purposes, except that of rates of pay.

Section 2. A seniority list shall be maintained on a current basis and posted in the supervisor's office where it shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by individual employees.

A copy of the seniority list and each revision thereof shall be furnished by Metro Government to the Union.

Section 3. When due to lack of work, it becomes necessary to lay off employees, the employee with the least seniority standing shall be the first to be laid off, provide such employees retrained are capable of doing the work remaining.

When employees are to be recalled, the first to be recalled shall be those last laid off provided that such employees are capable of doing the work then available.

Metro Government shall furnish to the Union a list of the names of the employees laid off or recalled in each instance in which a layoff or recall occurs.

Section 4. Absence from duty resulting from proven sickness or injury shall not be considered cause of loss of seniority rights, provided proper notice is given Metro Government of such sickness or injury. As to those employees hired after June 30, 1985, this provisions shall not be applicable if such absence is in excess of one (1) year.

Section 5. Should an employee be disabled arising out of or in the course of his employment with the assigned departments, he shall automatically be considered to be on a leave for purposes of seniority and his rights arising out of seniority shall continue to accumulate during such absence. As to those employees hired after June 30, 1985, the provision shall not be applicable if such absence is in excess of one (1) year.

Section 6. Should an employee be unable to report for work on the job due to illness, he/she shall, if possible notify his supervisor prior to the regular report time of his/her inability to so report, and upon support of proper evidence from a reputable doctor, if requested, his seniority shall continue to accumulate during such period of illness.

## **ARTICLE 27 -- OVERTIME DISTRIBUTIONS**

Section 1. Insofar as is practical, the opportunity for overtime will be division equally among qualified employees within a classification by shift for which overtime is needed. When all employees within a classification by shift have been offered the opportunity for overtime, the rotation will begin again.

Section 2. When the opportunity for overtime is offered to qualified employees, it shall be by the order of Waste Reduction Division seniority by classification by shift in the first occurrence. When such opportunity for overtime work is available, the opportunity to work should be offered to the most senior qualified employee who last did not have the opportunity for



overtime, by classification, by shift. Should this employee choose not to work, the offer of opportunity to work is made the qualified employee next least senior in the classification, by shift. The offer of overtime work is to be made to each succeeding qualified employee by descending seniority on the seniority list by classification by shift until the desired number of overtime workers is secured.

Section 3. Should all of the qualified employees contacted refuse the opportunity for overtime work, then the qualified employee, by shift, with the lowest seniority will be required to work. The method for securing additional employees to work will be to require each employee with succeeding more seniority to work. This mandatory overtime will be called for from the lowest qualified employee on the seniority list, in order, to the qualified employee with the highest amount of seniority per classification, by shift.

Section 4. All employees are required to have a working telephone number which shall be given to the Division of Solid Waste Management. The Division shall have the obligation for the purposes of overtime communication to call only the one telephone number given to the Division by the employee. If the Division is unable to communicate with the employee by use of the telephone number given, then the Division shall have no obligation to offer overtime to the employees.

## **ARTICLE 28 -- CALL OUT PAY**

All hours worked on call out which occurs at a time outside an employee's regularly scheduled hours of work shall be paid for at one and one half (1 1/2) times the employees' regular hourly rate. However, if the call out occurs on a Sunday or holiday, then all hours worked shall be paid for at two (2) times the employee's regular hourly rate. The employees shall be paid a

minimum of four (4) hours for each call out. The minimum shall be computed as time worked. If so directed by supervisory authority, an employee called out shall work the four (4) hours minimum period.

#### **ARTICLE 29 -- PRE-TAX PREMIUM PLAN AND/OR DEPENDENT CARE ACCOUNT**

Metro Government will offer to all bargaining unit employees the option of participation in Metro Government's Pre-Tax Premium Plan and/or Dependent Care Account pursuant to the same terms, conditions, requirement and obligations for any and all other non-bargaining or bargaining unit employees of Metro Government.

#### **ARTICLE 30 -- DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

Section 1. This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by the parties.

Section 2. The duration of this Agreement shall extend from its effective date through June 30, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have affixed their signatures this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY  
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